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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT TACOMA

8 LONNIE RAY CARTER,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 BERNIE WARNER, et al.,

12 Defendants.  
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Case No. C11-5617BHS

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT  
AND RECOMMENDATION

14 This matter comes before the Court on the Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) of  
15 the Honorable J. Richard Creatura, United States Magistrate Judge (Dkt. 19) and Plaintiff  
16 Lonnie Ray Carter’s (“Carter”) objections to the R&R (Dkt. 23), motion to compel (Dkt.  
17 22), and motion for permanent injunction (Dkt. 24).


18 On August 12, 2011, Carter filed a motion to proceed in forma pauperis and a  
19 proposed civil rights complaint. Dkt. 1. On August 26, 2011, Judge Creatura issued a show  
20 cause order requiring Carter to show why his proposed complaint should not be summarily  
21 dismissed for failure to state a claim. Dkt. 5. On January 25, 2012, Carter filed a First  
22 Amended Complaint. Dkt. 16. On January 31, 2012, Judge Creatura granted Carter’s  
23 motion to proceed in forma pauperis (Dkt. 17) and accepted Carter’s original complaint that  
24 was received by the Court on August 12, 2011 (Dkt. 18). On February 1, 2012, Carter filed  
25 pages 21 to 46 of his amended complaint. Dkt. 20. On February 2, 2012, Judge Creatura  
26 issued the R&R recommending that Carter’s amended complaint (Dkt. 16) be dismissed for  
27 failure to state a claim. Dkt. 19.

1 On February 27, 2012, Carter filed objections to the R&R and argued that the R&R  
2 does not address the causes of action that were contained in the second part of Carter's  
3 amended complaint. Dkt. 23. Carter asserts that, due to the length of his amended  
4 complaint, prison officials required him to mail it in two separate envelopes. *Id.* The second  
5 envelope contained the portion of Carter's complaint that contained his second and third  
6 causes of action. *Id.* Although the Court had received the second part of Carter's amended  
7 complaint, it is unclear whether the second part has been considered. *Id.*

8 Upon review of Carter's entire amended complaint, the Court concludes that Carter's  
9 amended complaint should be dismissed for failure to state a claim. Carter requests a  
10 declaratory injunction that defendants violated his Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment rights.  
11 Carter, however, only asserts that defendants failed to follow RCW 72.09.270 when they  
12 released him from confinement on August 10, 2008. In other words, Carter fails to explain  
13 how his federal constitutional rights were violated by defendants' alleged acts of failing to  
14 follow a state law. Therefore, the Court dismisses Carter's amended complaint for failure to  
15 assert a cognizable legal theory.

- 16 (1) The R&R is **ADOPTED** as to the Court's authority to dismiss a complaint *sua*  
17 *sponte* and standards for a cognizable claim;  
18 (2) The Court **DISMISSES** Carter's amended complaint based on a review of  
19 both parts of the amended complaint (Dkts. 16 & 20);  
20 (3) Carter's other motions (Dkts. 22 & 24) are **DENIED as moot**; and  
21 (4) The Clerk is directed to close this case.

22 DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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25 BENJAMIN H. SETTLE  
26 United States District Judge  
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